

WHAT TO DO AFTER THE GUARDIANSHIP HEARING



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HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO BECOME GUARDIAN AFTER THE HEARING?

You will be appointed guardian as soon as the Court has signed the paperwork you filed and any additional forms that are required are signed and/or filed with the Register in Chancery. Once this process has been completed, you will receive a certified copy of the order the Judge signed proving you are now the guardian.

WHERE DO I NEED TO KEEP THE DISABLED PERSON'S MONEY?

The court requires all funds to be placed in a bank account with a Delaware bank. This account will have a special title that will be stated in the order appointing you as guardian that will limit your access except when permitted by a Court Order. The bank will keep a copy of this order in their files.

HOW DO I ENFORCE THE GUARDIANSHIP IF SOMEONE QUESTIONS ME?

You should always have available a copy of the order that appointed you guardian as proof that you are able to make decisions on behalf of the disabled person. You can always refer those questioning you to contact the Court for verifying your appointment.

WILL I HAVE TO KEEP ANY INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO THE COURT AT ANOTHER TIME?

You will first have to take inventory of what assets you will be handling for the disabled person. You will list that information on the inventory form that you will be given when you are appointed guardian. You will have to file this form within one month of being appointed guardian.

You will also have to keep all receipts for things the disabled person's money was used to pay for. You must also keep all bank statements you receive for the disabled person's accounts. This information will be needed when you file an accounting each year after your appointment as guardian.

You will also be given a form that you will be required to file with the Court each year that informs the Court of all current geographic and medical information of the disabled person.